

Table 8-8  
**Eighth grade science proficiency, by state: 1996 and 2000**  
 (Percent)

State	1996 <sup>a</sup>	2000 <sup>a</sup>	2000
National average.....	27	30	30
Alabama.....	18	22	23
Alaska.....	NA	NA	NA
Arizona.....	23	24	23
Arkansas.....	22	23	22
California.....	20	15	14
Colorado.....	NA	NA	NA
Connecticut.....	36	35	35
Delaware.....	NA	NA	NA
District of Columbia.....	NA	NA	NA
Florida.....	NA	NA	NA
Georgia.....	21	23	23
Hawaii.....	15	15	14
Idaho.....	NA	38	37
Illinois.....	NA	30	29
Indiana.....	30	35	33
Iowa.....	NA	NA	NA
Kansas.....	NA	NA	NA
Kentucky.....	23	29	28
Louisiana.....	13	18	18
Maine.....	41	37	35
Maryland.....	25	28	27
Massachusetts.....	37	42	39
Michigan.....	32	37	35
Minnesota.....	37	42	41
Mississippi.....	12	15	15
Missouri.....	28	36	33
Montana.....	41	46	44
Nebraska.....	35	36	38
Nevada.....	NA	23	22
New Hampshire.....	NA	NA	NA
New Jersey.....	NA	NA	NA
New Mexico.....	19	20	20
New York.....	27	30	28
North Carolina.....	24	27	25
North Dakota.....	41	40	38
Ohio.....	NA	41	39
Oklahoma.....	NA	26	25
Oregon.....	32	33	34
Pennsylvania.....	NA	NA	NA
Rhode Island.....	26	29	27
South Carolina.....	17	20	20
South Dakota.....	NA	NA	NA
Tennessee.....	22	25	24
Texas.....	23	23	23
Utah.....	32	34	34
Vermont.....	34	40	39
Virginia.....	27	31	29
Washington.....	NA	NA	NA
West Virginia.....	21	26	24
Wisconsin.....	NA	NA	NA
Wyoming.....	34	36	34

NA = not available (did not meet minimum participation guidelines)

<sup>a</sup>Accommodations not permitted.

NOTES: National average is reported value in National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) reports. NAEP grade 8 science scores are for public schools only. In 2000, Arizona, California, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Oregon, and Vermont met the minimum participation guidelines but did not satisfy one or more school participation rate guidelines for school sample(s).

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress, various years.